



**GOVERNMENT OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**  
**Department of Finance and Administration**  
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Dear Claimant,

This notice is to inform you that you may be eligible for additional benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program which was made available by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The period of PUA program has been extended for the second time, without interruption, to weeks of unemployment ending on or before September 6, 2021.

You do not need to take any action to receive this additional benefit except continue to file your bi-weekly claims and submitting required documents as needed.

During this extension, you will receive your standard PUA of \$166 plus the \$300 supplemental payment from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program.

The PUA program is not available to an employee and/or individual who are unemployed for reasons not specified in the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, who are terminated for cause, quit their jobs without good cause, refuse to return to work, or refuse to receive full-time pay. Any attempts to collect benefit payments under these situations illegally may be viewed as fraudulent.

Please reach out to the OPUA in your State if you have any question and/or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Solomon".

Rob Solomon  
Administrator

## **NEW PUA REQUIREMENTS**

### **PUA CLAIMANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Proof of Employment includes, but is not limited to, employment verification, pay stubs, earning and leave statements showing the employer's name and address.
- Proof of self-employment includes, but is not limited to, business licenses, tax returns, business receipts, and signed affidavits from persons verifying the individual's self-employment.
- Proof of the planned commencement and employment includes, but is not limited to, letters offering employment, statements/ affidavits by individual (with name and contact information) verifying an offer of employment.

### **Existing Applicants:**

- Individuals must come in bi-weekly to fill out their claims. Failure to come in bi-weekly is deemed no longer on the program.

### **New Applicants:**

- Individuals filing a new application on or after 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 may only be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.